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# PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN

FIRST TIME EVER  
IN A COLOR COMIC--  
MARVEL'S MOST  
CONTROVERSIAL  
CREATION!

THE  
WHITE  
TIGER  
STRIKES!

THE  
FLAMES  
OF  
PROTEST!

NO  
RETREAT

ACTION!  
NOT  
TALK!

NOW!  
FIGHT  
BACK!



While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the insect's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

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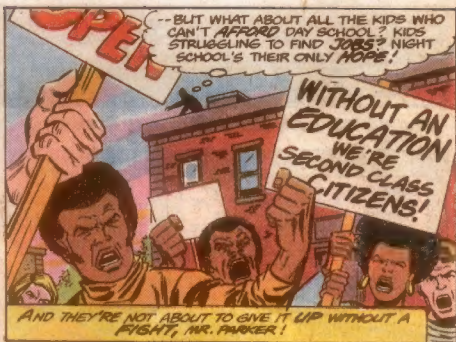
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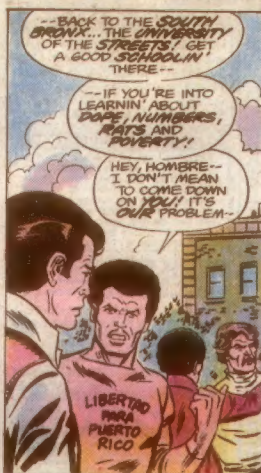
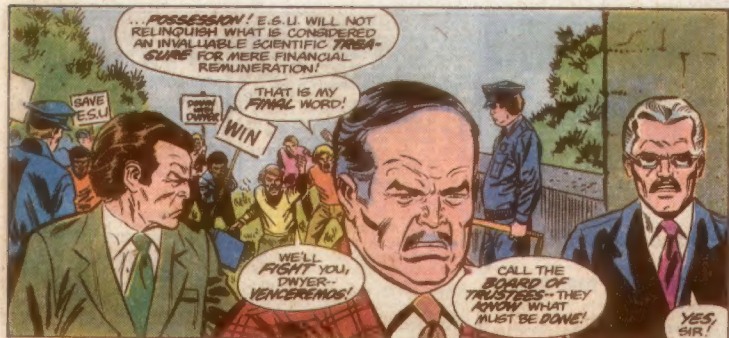
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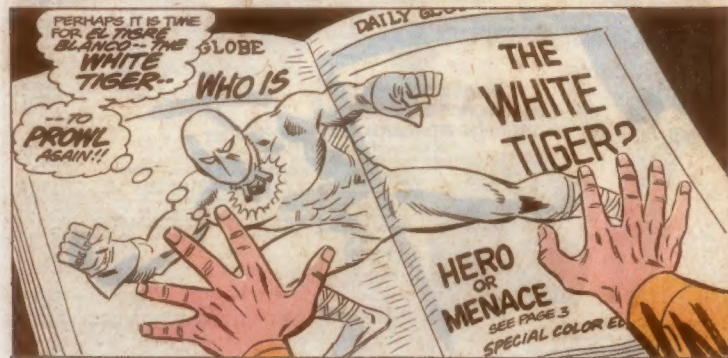
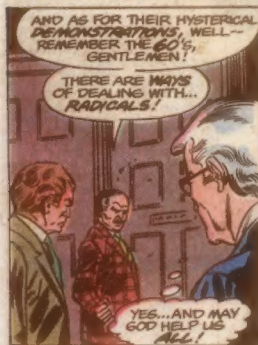
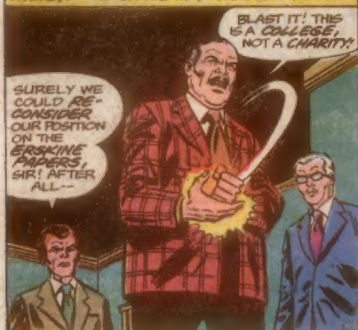






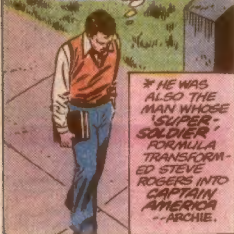


WHILE, IN THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT DWYER



WHILE ON THE CAMPUS GROUNDS...

DR. ERSKINE WAS A BRILLIANT THEORETICIAN AND HIS MEMOIRS ARE ONE REASON FUTURE SCIENTISTS SUCH AS MYSELF CAME TO E.S.U.!



HE WAS ALSO THE MAN WHOSE 'SUPER-SOLDIER' FORMULA TRANSFORMED STEVE ROGERS INTO CAPTAIN AMERICA -- ARCHIE.

WE'RE BEING TOLD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN KNOWLEDGE -- AND THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT THE MOST!



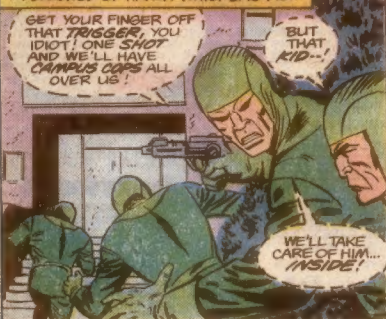
I CAN'T MAKE THAT KIND OF CHOICE--

--AND I HOPE PRESIDENT DWYER CAN SLEEP TONIGHT HAVING MADE HIS!



SOUND IN THE SHADOWS! THE CLICK OF A SAFETY BEING RELEASED--

--FOLLOWED BY HARBH WHISPERS AS...



GET YOUR FINGER OFF THAT TRIGGER, YOU IDIOT! ONE SHOT AND WE'LL HAVE CAMPUS COPS ALL OVER US!

BUT THAT KID--!

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM... INSIDE!

BUT THE DARKNESS HIDES FRIEND AS WELL AS FOE!



THE LIBRARY! THAT'S WHERE THE ERSKINE STUFF IS--KEEPIN' ME FROM AN EDUCATION!

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I BEEN BEAT TO IT--

--BY A PACK OF PISTOLEROS!

THEY WENT IN AFTER THAT ANGLO I MET AT THE RALLY! I SHOULD LET 'EM -- AH! A QUEEN ESTOY BACKLANDO?



WHO'M I KIDDIN'?

I STOPPED BEIN' JUST NECTOR AYALA WHEN I PUT ON THESE AMULETS!



I BECAME SOMETHIN' MORE--!



--THE WHITE TIGER!

AND THE MOMENT OF HIS REBIRTH IS...

NOW!

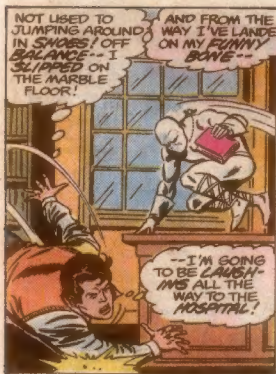


LONG MOMENTS LATER, ON THE DARKENED SECOND FLOOR OF THE E.S.U. LIBRARY...



BUT, JUST AS PETE IS ABOUT TO OPEN THE DOOR TO THE ERSKINE ROOM...









BUT THE  
BATTLE  
(IF YOU  
WANT TO  
CALL IT  
THAT)~

--HAS NOT  
GONE UN-  
HEARD!

THE  
ERSKINE  
ROOM!  
SOME-  
THINGS~



**SVAM**



HAPPENING  
IN THERE  
FOR SURE,  
COP--BUT  
IT AIN'T  
YOUR  
PROBLEM!

IT'S OURS!  
IF SOMEBODY'S  
BEAT US TO  
THIS HEIST--!

BOSS!  
FOOTSTEPS  
COMIN' DOWN  
THE  
HALL!

IN THE DARKENED CORRIDOR  
HE IS A SPECTRAL FLASH OF  
WHITE, STRIKING FROM OUT  
OF NOWHERE--



**BRAP!**

--LIKE A  
TIGER IN  
THE NIGHT!

WHO IN  
BOLTIN'  
BLUE  
BLAZES--?!



I--I  
THINK HE  
BUSTED  
MY JAW!

WOULD THAT I HAD DONE  
SO, SENIOR! I  
WOULD NOW BE  
SPARED--



--THE RISING  
WHINE OF YOUR  
OFFENSIVE  
VOICE!

**CHUD!**

YOU DIRTY,  
STINKIN'  
AMHRSH!



I DID IT--  
MAIN  
AND ALL!

BUT IF ANYONE HAD  
SEEN PETER  
PARKER LIFT  
A HALF-TON  
OF BOOK-  
CASES...



LUCKILY, NO ONE DID--  
AND FROM THE SOUND  
OF THINGS, WHITEY'S  
STILL OUT THERE--

--PROBABLY  
SCRAMBLING  
WITH THE  
CAMPUS  
COPS, THOUGH  
IT'S TOO DARK  
TO TELL!

WELL, HE  
MAY HAVE  
STARTED THIS--



--BUT I AM TO FINISH IT...AS  
PETER PARKER AND WITHOUT  
PULLING ANY PUNCHES!

HEY, YOU--IN THE  
BLEACHED BOOT-  
STOCKINGS! RE-  
MEMBER ME?

I OWE  
YOU FOR--



EH--¿QUIÉN ES  
USTED, Y POR  
QUÉ--?!

WHAP

THREE YEARS  
OF HIGH SCHOOL  
FRENCH--



--ISN'T HELPING  
ME UNDERSTAND  
A THING THAT'S  
GOING DOWN--

KATRAM!

--EXCEPT  
THAT IT  
DOESN'T  
FEEL  
GOOD!



THE FIGHTING STOPS  
AS SUDDENLY AS IT  
BEGAN!

THE TIGER  
STARES AT  
THE FALLEN  
PETE IN WHAT  
CAN ONLY BE  
CONSTRUED  
AS...SHOCK!

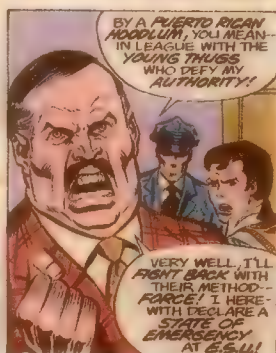
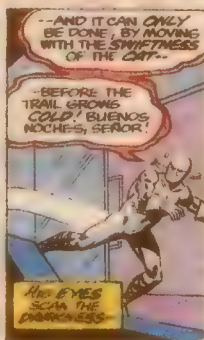
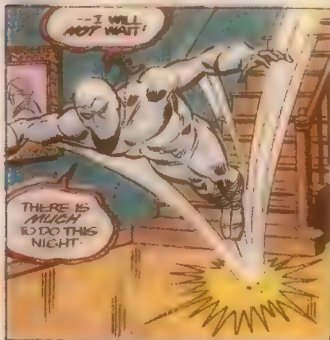
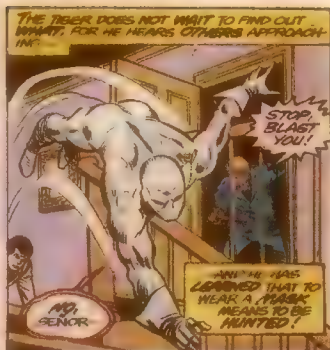
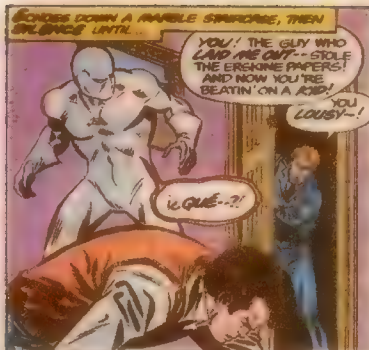


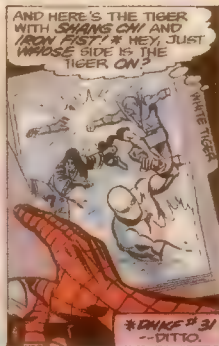
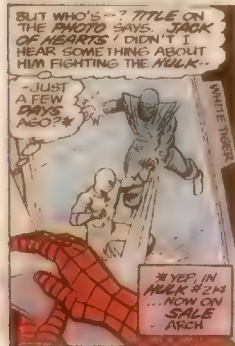
AND THE  
GUNSELS  
AND  
GOONS  
TAKE AD-  
VANTAGE  
OF THE  
RESPIRE--

--TO BE A  
HASTY AND  
STRATEGIC  
RETREAT!

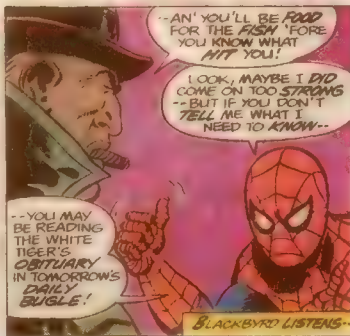
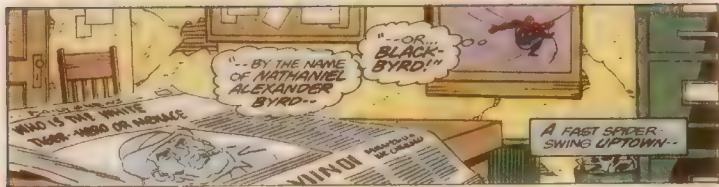
LET'S GET  
OUTTA  
HERE!











--THEN HAILS A PASSING GYPSY CAB!



WHY DIDN'T YA SAY IT WAS ABOUT THE TIGER IN THE FIRST PLACE?

YA DIDN'T GIVE ME A CHANCE!

ALL RIGHT--LET'S BY-GONE'S BE BY-GONES!  
CABBIE--EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY--

--AN' GOOSE THE JUICE!

YOU GOT IT, MAC!



NOW LISTEN UP, WEB-HEAD--

--'CAUSE I GOT A STORY I TELL YOU THAT STARTS WITH THREE SONS AN' ONE DAUGHTER OF THE TIGER! BOB DIAMOND--ABE BROWN--LIN SUN--LOTUS SHINCHUKO! \*

\* THEY UNITED WAY BACK IN DEADLY HANDS OF KUNG FU! ARCHIE



SURE! THEY FOUGHT WITH ME AGAINST SANDMAN AND THE ENFORCERS!

\*\* IN MARVEL TEAM-UP #40--ARCH AGAIN.

"WELL, AFTER THAT THE TIGER SONS HAD THEMSELVES A FIGHT OVER THE LADY!

THE KUNG FUER'S SPLIT UP.



AN CHICKED THEIR TIGER AMULETS--THE SOURCE OF THEIR POWER--OUT THE WINDOW--

"--WHERE THEY WERE FOUND BY A YOUNG HISPANIC BY THE NAME OF HECTOR AYALA!"

THU! THIS NECKLACE IS OUTTA SIGHT!



BUT IT'S--TINSLING LIKE CRAZY!

I--I'M CHANGING!

I'M THE WHITE TIGER... AND I AIN'T NEVER GONNA BE THE SAME AGAIN!



(THE PRECEDING FLASHBACK IS BROUGHT TO YOU COURTESY OF DEADLY HANDS #19.)



"GOT TO GIVE IT TO THOSE AMULETS, WALL-CRAWLER! THEY DIDN'T WASTE NO TIME SEEN' TO IT THAT THE TIGER HAD HIS BAPTISM OF FIRE 'GAINST A GANG--

"--CALLED THE NOMADS!

"ONE KID DIED--COPS BLAMED THE TIGER--

"AN' THAT PUT THE PROWLER ON HIS CASE!

"--ONLY TO FIND HIMSELF INVOLVED IN THE VENGEANCE-HUNT--

"--OF THE JACK OF HEARTS!

"SEEMS JACK'S DADDY GOT KILLED BY THE SAME UNDERWORLD FORCES--

"BUT THE TIGER WAS CLEARED

"-- THAT WERE TRYIN' TO SET UP AN INTERNATIONAL DRUG-RUNNING NETWORK USIN' THE SOUTH BRONX AS A BASE!

"THEY CALLED THEMSELVES 'THE CORPORATION'; AN' THEY RAILED 'CAUSE THEY FIGURED ON HELP THEY NEVER GOT FROM A DUDE NAMED--FU MANCHU!

"AN' 'CAUSE THE TIGER, JACK, IRON FIST AN' SHANGS CHI STOPPED 'EM COLD!

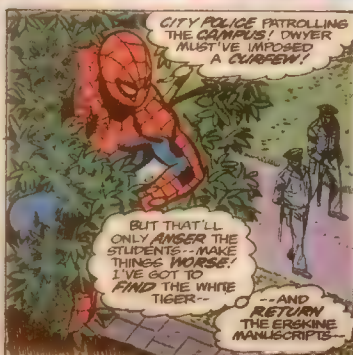
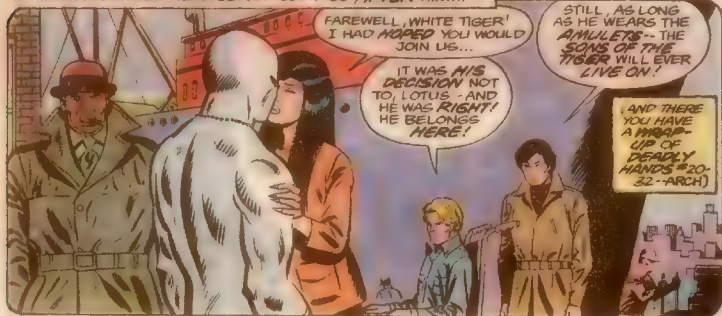
"BUT THE REAL KICKER CAME WHEN THE TIGER FOUND OUT HIS OWN BROTHER--FILIPPO--WAS THE CORPORATION'S LEADER!"

"I WON'T LET ANY ONE STOP ME--NOT EVEN MY OWN FAMILY!"

"I HAVE A HUNCH IT WASN'T A HAPPY ENDING, RIGHT?"

"FILIPPO... DIED. THE TIGER TOOK IT PRETTY HARD!"

"I FIGURED WHAT HE NEEDED WAS ACTION T' KEEP HIS MIND OFF IT, SO I PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH THE **TIGER SONS**-- BUT THEY HAD THEIR OWN TROUBLES! ABE BROWN WAS MISSING IN AFRICA AND THEY WERE GETTIN' SET T' GO AFTER HIM..."





--BEFORE THIS WHOLE  
CAMPUS IS BLOWN  
WIDE OPEN! "



CUT TO THE  
CORRIDORS  
OF THE AD-  
MINISTRA-  
TION  
BUILDING--

--WHERE ETHNIC STUDIES PRO-  
FESSOR RAMON VASQUEZ IS  
JUST NOW ENTERING HIS OFFICE!



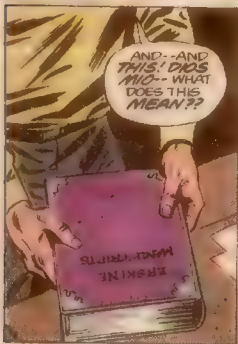
WHAT IS HE  
FEELING  
AT THE MOMENT?  
WORRIED--

--AND JUST  
A LITTLE BIT...  
SCARED!

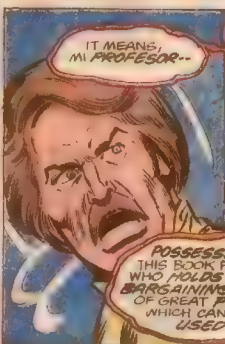


MY--MY  
DESK  
HAS BEEN  
GONE  
THRU! MY  
PAPERS  
MOVED  
ABOUT

DYNER IS A  
FOOL! BY  
REFUSING EVEN  
TO MEET WITH  
THE STUDENTS  
HE --¿QUE ES--?



AND--AND  
THIS, DIDS  
WHO-- WHAT  
DOES THIS  
MEAN??



IT MEANS,  
MI PROFESOR--

POSSESSION  
OF  
THIS BOOK PUTS HE  
WHO HOLDS IT IN A  
BARGAINING  
POSITION  
OF GREAT POWER,  
WHICH CAN BE  
USED --

--THAT LOS MANUSCRITOS  
DE ERSKINE-- WHICH WERE  
STOLEN EARLIER THIS NIGHT  
--ARE IN YOUR HANDS!

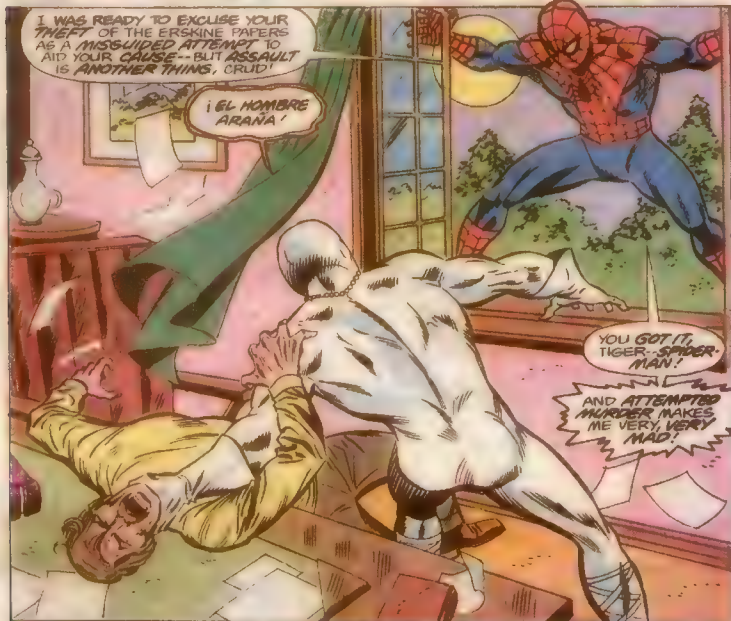
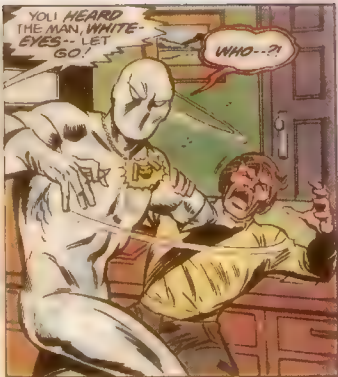
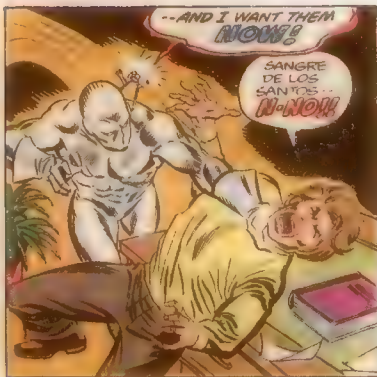


--OR  
ABUSED,  
NO?



¡EL--EL TIGRE  
BLANCO, WHAT  
DO YOU WANT  
OF ME??

SOME  
ANSWERS,  
EL SEÑOR  
VASQUEZ--



NEXT  
PAGE

SPIDER-STRONG  
VS.  
TIGER-POWER in:

**SHOWDOWN!**

# SPIDER-MAIL

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Dear Archie,

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

In the past, our prestigious Peter Parker has been plagued by the flu, uncashable reward checks, stomach ulcers, and an overprotective aunt—all reasonably realistic problems, but very amusing in the context of a super-hero environment, right? Right.

However, none of these problems carried the humor potential of PETER PARKER #5's main attraction, the so-called "Wash-And-Wear Bowling Ball!" This sequence, coupled with Mr. Parker's attempts to find something clean to wear, is destined to be a classic in the history of Spider-Man. Kudos to everybody responsible.

As for the Vulture/Hitman duel, it was far better than last issue would have led me to believe. The final confrontation on pages 27-30 was one of the most suspenseful scenes Marvel has ever published. All in all, I kinda liked the issue.

Adam Castro

59 Harlan Drive

New Rochelle, NY 10804

Dear Marvel,

Web-Zingers—I like that name!

PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN—I love that magazine!

Issue #5 of PPTSS was the best yet. Why, you ask? Because of the cover, that's why! It was highly relevant to the inside of the mag.

But now, you slippery armadillos, as to the matter of that frozen "bowling ball" of clothing—Spider-Man's webbing is without a doubt waterproof, so his clothes could not have gotten wet. The web-ball might have frozen, but no-way would the water have gotten through. *Comprende?*

Bob Lisi

74 Paulson Avenue

Passaic, NJ 07065

Sorry, Roberto, but in the now-famous case of the Wash-'N-Wear ball, Spidey had neglected to weave his web tight enough so that it would be waterproof. After all, it was gonna be under a ledge, right? Why waste webbing—webbing that might desperately be needed later on—when there's a ledge protecting his clothes from the elements?

Unfortunately, there was the little matter of the broken water pipe and—well, the rest is history!

Oh, in case you hadn't noticed, *Web-Zingers* is now the title for the MARVEL TEAM-UP letters page. Waste not, want not!

Dear Bullpen,

Here's a little suggestion that I think you might like. Why not, in the future, do a PETER PARKER ANNUAL, bringing back the Sinister Six. They were a bit a few years ago, and I

think they'd be even better now. And if you can't bring them back, how about a new team with Lightmaster, the Hitman, and a few other of Spidey's foes from the past. It would make for a great PPTSS ANNUAL #1. Maybe you could even bring back the Molten Man. Yeah, I know he apparently died, but so did Doc Ock—and he came back.

Anyway, I just wanted to tell you that you're doing a fine job. So keep up the good work, and until Aunt May grows an Afro, make mine Marvel!

Mark Bioganski

3611 West 103rd Street

Chicago, IL 60656

Uh-oh, Mark. We wish you hadn't said that! You just never know what May is gonna look like when she comes back from the beauty parlor!

Anyway, getting back to the crux of your missive, there aren't any plans for an ANNUAL this year. But Affable Archie is slated to scribe this year's SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL. Just what he has up his sleeve, we're not sure, but you can just bet that it's gonna be a classic!

Dear Marvel,

I really liked issue #5 of PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN. It was one of the best comics I've ever read. As a matter of fact, it's the second best comic in my whole collection!

Andy Allen

Route #2

Nelsonville, OH 45764

Huh?

Well, gee, Andy, don't keep us in suspense! What's the first?

Dear Aroh and Sal,

After a bit of searching and a little expended effort, I finally managed to get a copy of SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #5. I must say, this was the closest I've ever seen Spidey come to getting killed. I guess that, in a way, Spider-Man owes his life to the Vulture.

I was a bit disappointed, however. After the way Spidey dartered after the Hitman on page 31, I thought surely that the Wall-crawler would be fighting him next issue. Not that I'm put out by Morbius' impending return, but I was looking forward to a major Spider-Man/Hitman clash.

Anyway, this issue was excellent. It's chilling to realize that if the Hitman and the Vulture had been able to work together, rather than at cross purposes, Spider-Man could very likely have been killed. Sometimes it's fortunate that people can't get along.

George Conner

133-11 145th Street

South Ozone Park, NY 11436

Yeah, George! Very fortunate in this case.

Be that as it may, we haven't seen the last of the Hitman. As a matter of fact, Spidey's closing comments in issue #5 just might foreshadow a few things to come.

And on that note, we bid you adieu for another thirty days.

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**SHOWDOWN!**



SPIDER-MAN  
FIGHTS TO THE  
FINISH AGAINST  
THE WONDROUS  
**WHITE TIGER**  
AS A CITY  
TREMBLES!



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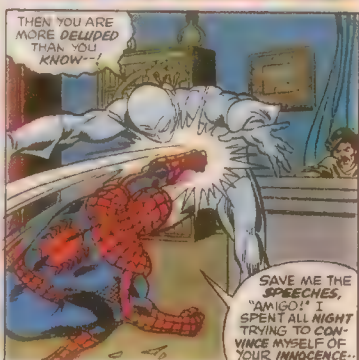
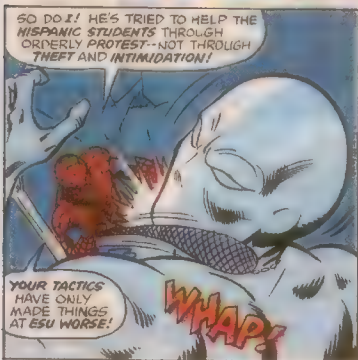
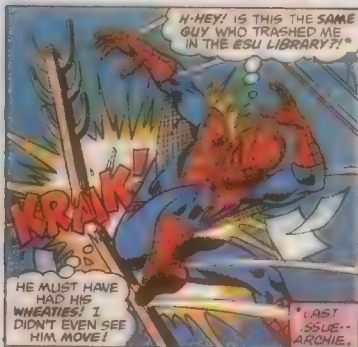
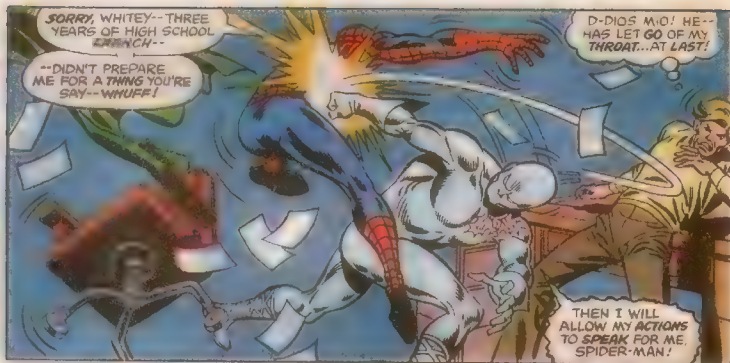
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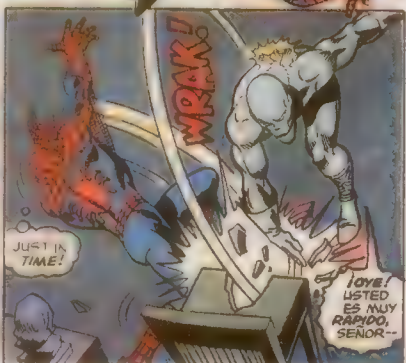
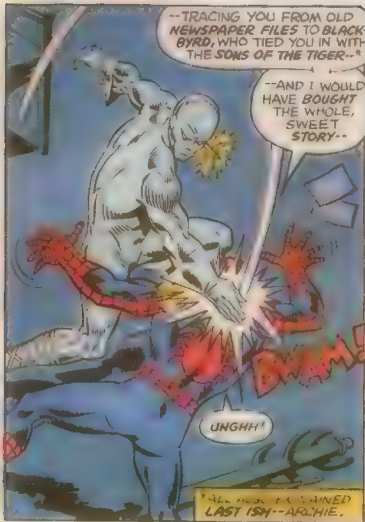
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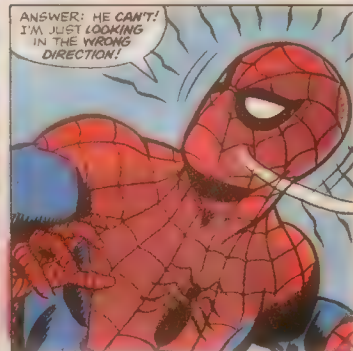
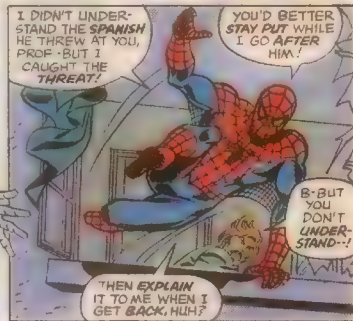
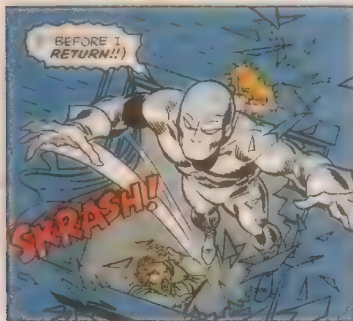
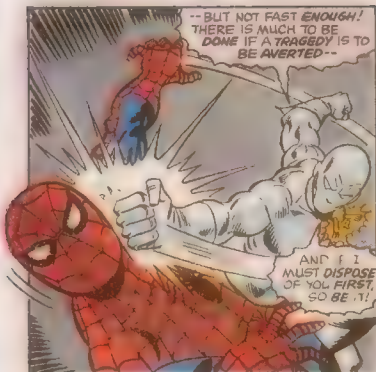


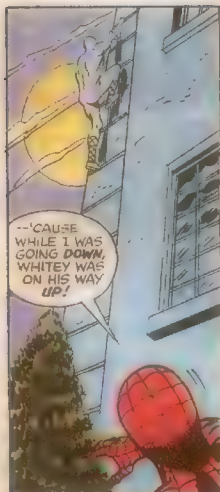
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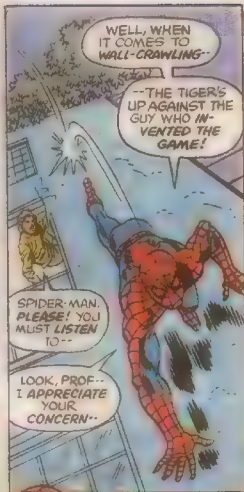








--'CAUSE WHILE I WAS GOING DOWN, WHITEY WAS ON HIS WAY UP!

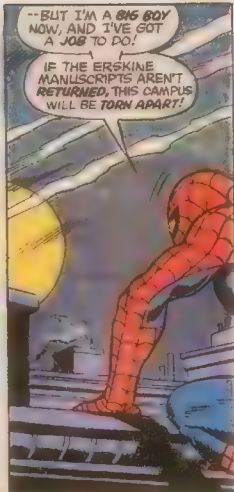


WELL, WHEN IT COMES TO WALL-CRAWLING--

--THE TIGER'S UP AGAINST THE GUY WHO INVENTED THE GAME!

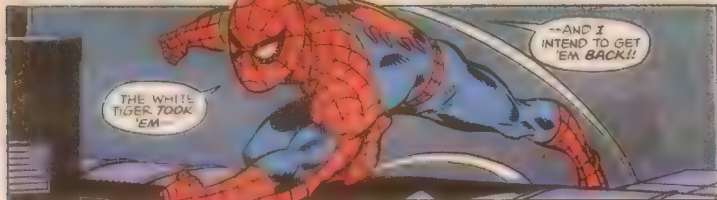
SPIDER-MAN, PLEASE! YOU MUST LISTEN TO--

LOOK, PROF-- I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN--



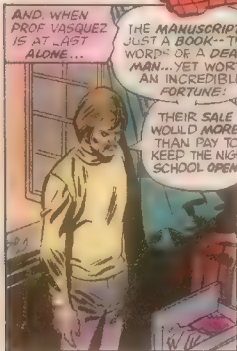
--BUT I'M A BIG BOY NOW, AND I'VE GOT A JOB TO DO!

IF THE ERSKINE MANUSCRIPTS AREN'T RETURNED, THIS CAMPUS WILL BE TORN APART!



THE WHITE TIGER TOOK 'EM

--AND I INTEND TO GET 'EM BACK!!



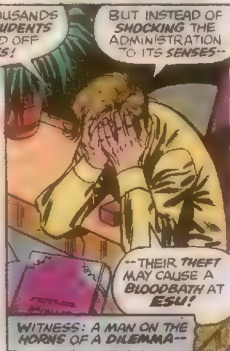
AND WHEN PROF VASQUEZ IS AT LAST ALONE...

THE MANUSCRIPTS! JUST A BOOK-- THE WORDS OF A DEAD MAN... YET WORTH AN INCREDIBLE FORTUNE:

THEIR SALE WOULD MORE THAN PAY TO KEEP THE NIGHT SCHOOL OPEN--



--AND KEEP THOUSANDS OF MINORITY STUDENTS IN COLLEGE AND OFF THE STREETS!



BUT INSTEAD OF SHOCKING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ITS SENSES--

--THEIR THEFT MAY CAUSE A BLOODBATH AT ESU!

WITNESS: A MAN ON THE HORNS OF A DILEMMA--



--AND ANOTHER MAN WHO FEELS HIMSELF QUITE CAPABLE OF TAKING THE BULL BY THE HORNS! ESU PRESIDENT DWYER!

MY MEN ARE DE-  
PLOYED ABOUT THE  
CAMPUS, SIR!

DO YOU HEAR THAT, BRATS?  
YOU WANTED AN EDUCATION  
AND NOW, BY GOD--

--YOU'RE GOING  
TO GET ONE!

BUT THE DISPOSSESSED STUDENT BODY OF ESU'S  
NIGHT SCHOOL IS AS COMMITTED TO THEIR COURSE  
OF ACTION AS PRES. DWYER IS TO HIS...OR PERHAPS,  
MORE.

--FOR, HAVING NOTHING,  
THEY HAVE SO MUCH  
LESS TO LOSE!

FIRE  
DWYER!

FIRE  
DWYER!

FIRE  
DWYER!

"AND STAY AWAY WHEN  
THERE'S A RIOT GOIN' ON!  
IT'S STUDENT DEMONSTRATION  
TIME!"

GET 'EM! NO  
PIS IS GONNA  
TAKE OUR  
SCHOOL!

MIRA! LOOK--  
ON THE ROOF OF  
THE LIBRARY!

UNHH!  
Q-EN!

IF BY THAT  
YOU'RE ASKING  
WHO, WHITEY--

IT'S JUST  
THAT L'IL OL  
SPIDER-MAN  
ME!

WRAM

FINISHING  
SOME BUSINESS  
YOU--TARTED

TU ES LOCO, MY  
WEBBED FRIEND--

--AND YOU ARE  
DRIVING ME EQUALLY  
AS CRAZY!

WELL YOU KNOW  
THE OLD SAYING  
PASTE-FACE--

--"MISERY LOVES  
COMPANY!"

THOUGH I'VE  
GOT A HUNCH  
YOU DON'T LOVE  
MINE!

O-OMI-  
GOSH!  
HE'S  
FALLIN'!

WELL HE  
KILLED!



SORRY, BOYS  
AND GIRLS--  
NOT TODAY!

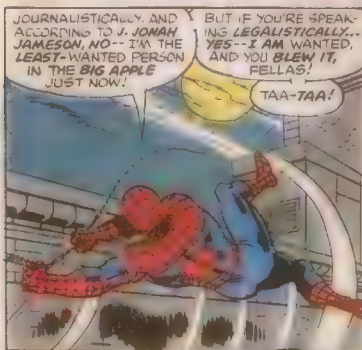
NOT WHILE  
I HAVE MY  
LUCKY PENNY  
IN MY BOOT--  
--AND A  
LOADED WEB-  
SHOOTER!



THERE'S ONE YOU  
CAN TELL YOUR  
GRANDKIDS ABOUT--  
ON THE HOUSE!

SPIDER-  
MAN!

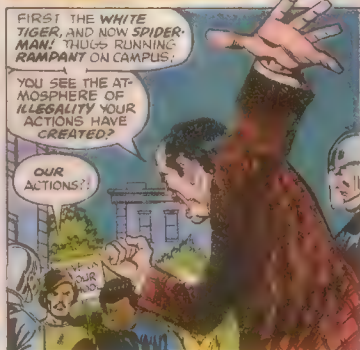
HEY--AIN'T  
HE WANTED?!



JOURNALISTICALLY, AND  
ACCORDING TO J. JONAH  
JAMESON, NO-- I'M THE  
LEAST-WANTED PERSON  
IN THE BIG APPLE  
JUST NOW!

BUT IF YOU'RE SPEAK-  
ING LEGALISTICALLY...  
YES-- I AM WANTED,  
AND YOU BLEW IT,  
FELLAS!

TAA-TAA!



FIRST THE WHITE  
TIGER, AND NOW SPIDER-  
MAN! THUGS RUNNING  
RAMPANT ON CAMPUS:

YOU SEE THE AT-  
MOSPHERE OF  
ILLEGALITY YOUR  
ACTIONS HAVE  
CREATED?

OUR  
ACTIONS?!



YOU TAKE AWAY OUR  
SCHOOL--CALL IN THE  
GESTAPO--AND THEM  
BLAME US??

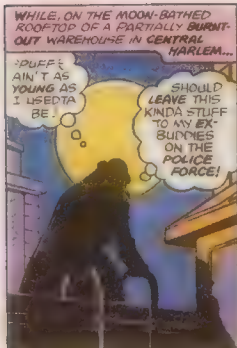
ESU BELONGS  
TO ITS  
STUDENTS!



YOU'VE CALLED US EVERYTHING FROM BUMS  
TO WELFARE-CHEATS! WE'RE PEOPLE, PRE-  
DWYER--AND WE'RE GONNA WIN  
WHAT'S OURS--

--'CAUSE, MISTER, WE  
JUST AIN'T GOT NOTHIN'  
ELSE!!

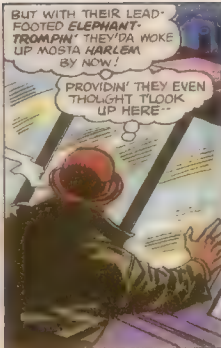
AND, FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS LONG NIGHT, PEOPLE BEG-N TO LOOK AT EACH OTHER AS PEOPLE--AND THINK!



WHILE, ON THE MOON-BATHED  
ROOFTOP OF A PARTIALLY BURNT-  
OUT WAREHOUSE IN CENTRAL  
HARLEM...

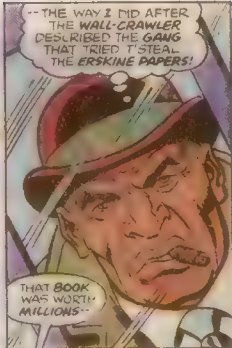
"PUFF!  
AIN'T AS  
YOUNG AS  
I USED TA  
BE."

SHOULD  
LEAVE THIS  
KINDA STUFF  
TO MY EX-  
BUNNIES  
ON THE  
POLICE  
FORCE!



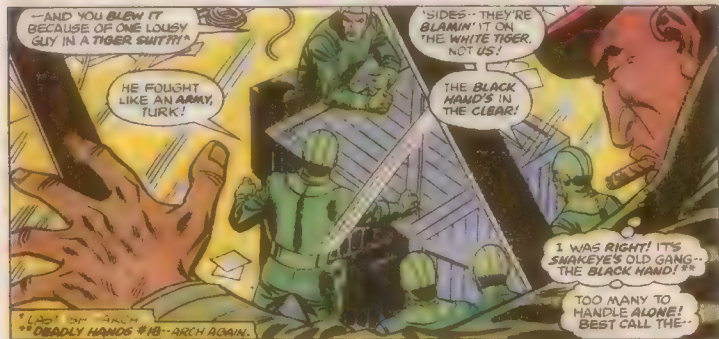
BUT WITH THEIR LEAD-  
FOOTED ELEPHANT-  
TROMPIN' THEY'DA WOKE  
UP MOSTA HARLEM  
BY NOW!

PROVIDIN' THEY EVEN  
THOUGHT T'OOK  
UP HERE--



--THE WAY I DID AFTER  
THE WALL-CRAWLER  
DESCRIBED THE GANG  
THAT TRIED T' STEAL  
THE ERSKINE PAPERS!

THAT BOOK  
WAS WORTH  
MILLIONS--



--AND YOU BLEW IT  
BECAUSE OF ONE LOUSY  
GUY IN A TIGER SUIT!!

HE FOUGHT  
LIKE AN ARMY,  
TURK!

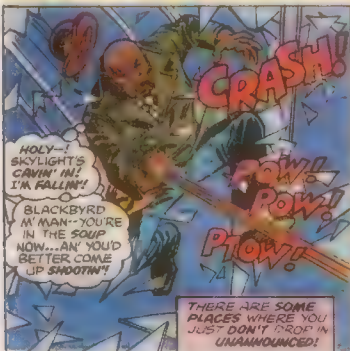
'SIDES-- THEY'RE  
BLAMIN' IT ON  
'HE WHITE TIGER.  
NOT US!

THE BLACK  
HAND'S IN  
THE CLEAR!

I WAS RIGHT! IT'S  
SNAKEYE'S OLD GANG--  
THE BLACK HAND! \*\*

TOO MANY TO  
HANDLE ALONE!  
BEST CALL THE--

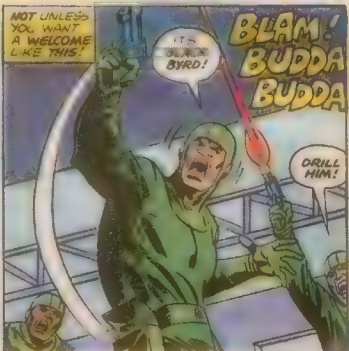
"LAD! ON ARCH  
DEADLY HANDS #18--ARCH AGAIN."



HOLY--!  
SKYLIGHT'S  
CAVIN' IN!  
I'M FALLIN'!

BLACKBYRD  
M' MAN--YOU'RE  
IN THE SOUP  
NOW...AN' YOU'D  
BETTER COME  
UP SHOOTIN'!

THERE ARE SOME  
PLACES WHERE YOU  
JUST DON'T DROP IN  
UNANNOUNCED!



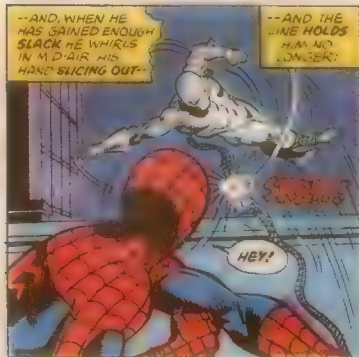
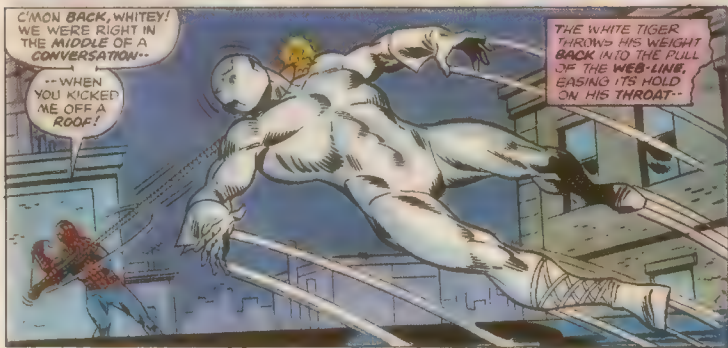
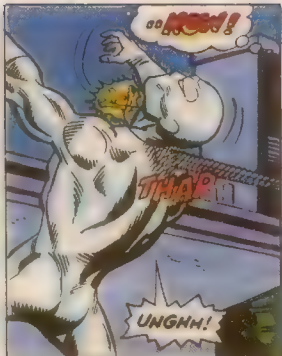
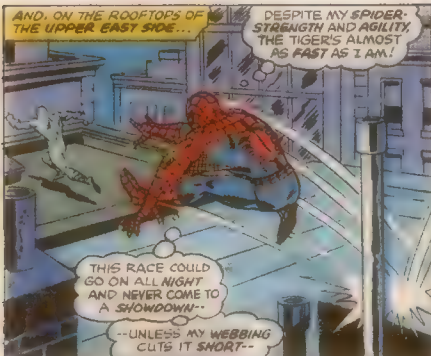
NOT UNLESS  
YOU WANT  
A WELCOME  
LIKE THIS!

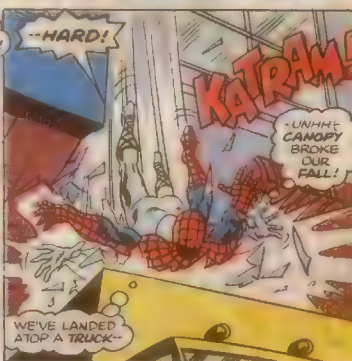
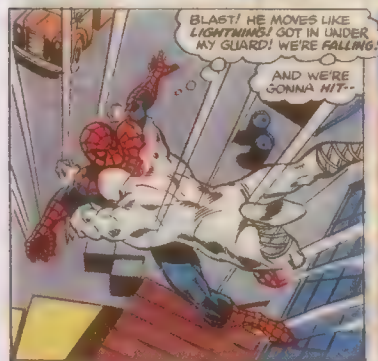
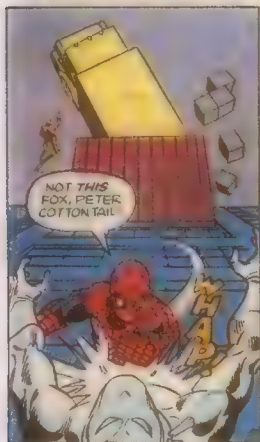
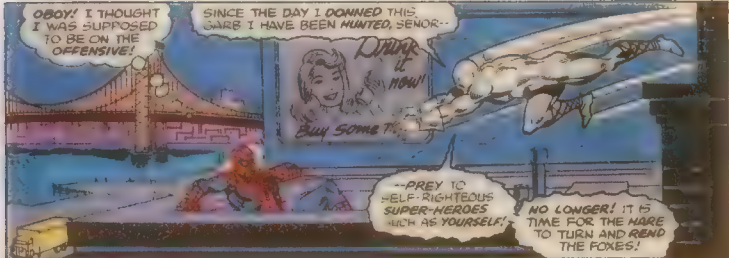
IT'S  
BLACK  
BYRD!

BLAM!  
BUDDA  
BUDDA

DRILL HIM!









ACROSS THE TRI-BOROUGH BRIDGE, TO BE EXACT

...AND TOWARDS THE SOUTH BRONX!

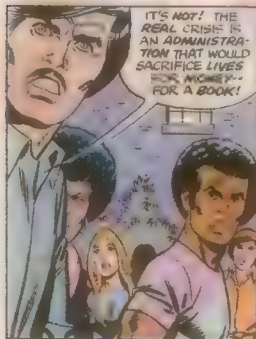


WHILE, BACK AT THE BSU CAMPUS...

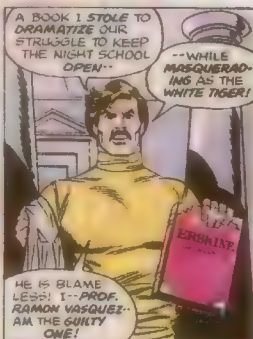
CAPTAIN, I DEMAND THAT YOU ARREST THESE THUGS IMMEDIATELY!

MY ORDERS ARE TO STOP A RIOT, PRES. DWYER--

--AND FRANKLY, I JUST DON'T SEE THAT THAT'S THE SITUATION HERE!



IT'S NOT! THE REAL CRISIS IS AN ADMINISTRATION THAT WOULD SACRIFICE LIVES FOR MONEY-- FOR A BOOK!



A BOOK I STOLE TO DRAMATIZE OUR STRUGGLE TO KEEP THE NIGHT SCHOOL OPEN--

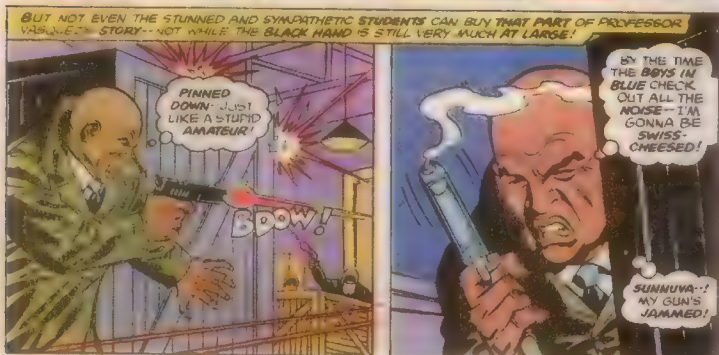
--WHILE MASQUERADING AS THE WHITE TIGER!

HE IS BLAME LESS! I--PROF. RAMON VASQUEZ--AM THE GUILTY ONE!



ARREST HIM! HE'S IN LEAGUE WITH THE THUGS WHO RAIDED THE LIBRARY!

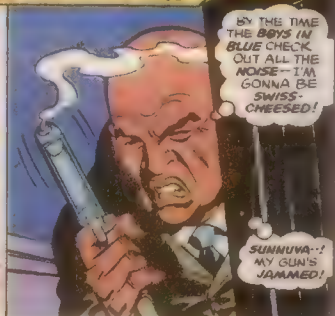
NO! I ACTED ON MY OWN!



BUT NOT EVEN THE STUNNED AND SYMPATHETIC STUDENTS CAN BUY THAT PART OF PROFESSOR VASQUEZ'S STORY--NOT WHILE THE BLACK HAND IS STILL VERY MUCH AT LARGE!

PINNED DOWN-- JUST LIKE A STUPID AMATEUR!

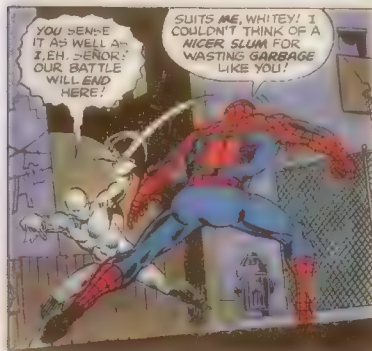
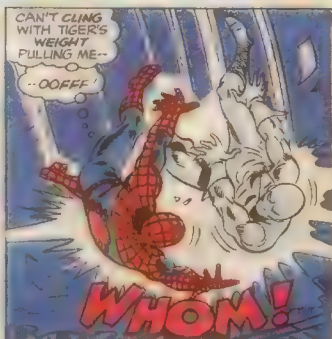
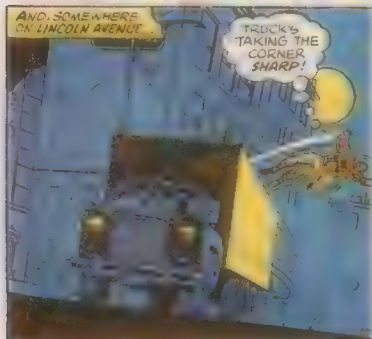
BPOW!

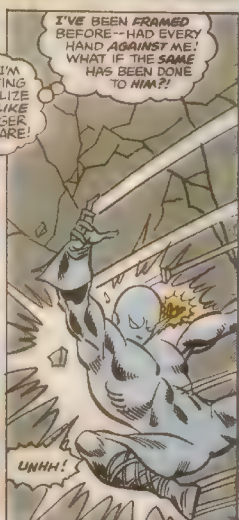
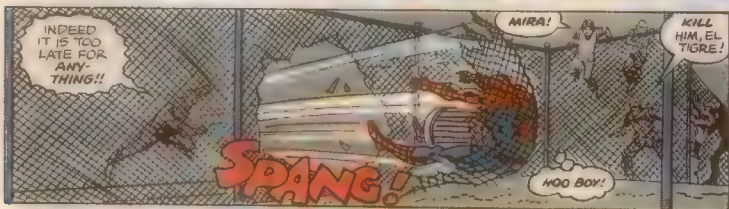
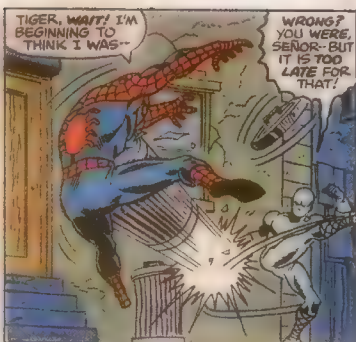
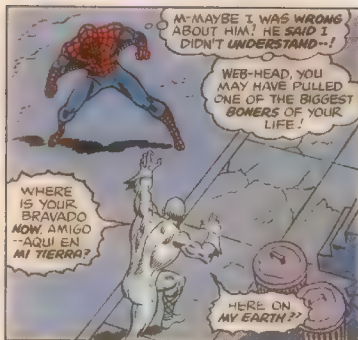


BY THE TIME THE BOYS IN BLUE CHECK OUT ALL THE NOISE-- I'M GONNA BE SWISS-CHEESED!

SUNNIVA--! MY GUN'S JAMMED!

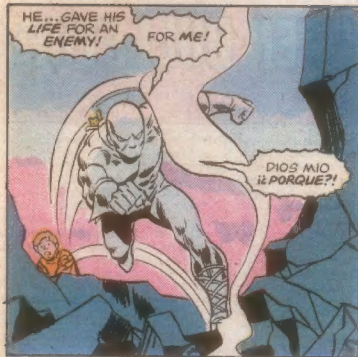












--AND TO BATHE MANHATTAN, ACROSS THE EAST RIVER, IN ITS GOLDEN GLOW!

JUST A FEW MORE  
BLOCKS TO ESU--

--IF IT'S  
STILL  
THERE,  
THAT IS!

THE WHITE  
TIGER SAYS  
NOTHING.

WITHIN MOMENTS THE PAIR MAKE A FINAL LEAP  
TO THE ROOF OF THE ESU ADMINISTRATION BUILD-  
ING--!

-- WHERE LESS  
THAN A HALF  
HOUR HAS  
PASSED--

--SINCE PROF. RAMON VASQUEZ MADE HIS STARTLING  
CONFESSION!

WHY DID  
YOU DO  
IT, MAN?

BECAUSE MY PEOPLE  
NEEDED A SYMBOL--  
SOMETHING TO BELIEVE  
IN-- LIKE THE  
TIGER!

I... WAS WRONG! YOU  
HAVE TAKEN AWAY THEIR  
SCHOOL-- AND I-I HAVE  
SHATTERED THEIR DREAMS!

M-MAYBE WE WERE  
BOTH WRONG, VASQUEZ!  
PERHAPS WE COULD  
HAVE FOUND A WAY TO  
KEEP BOTH THE SCHOOL  
AND THE ERSKINE  
PAPERS!

BUT... WHEN YOU CHOOSE  
TO COMMIT A CRIMINAL  
ACT, LEADING THOSE THUGS  
ONTO THE CAMPUS--!





**NEXT: WHEN STRIKES MEDUSA!**